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SUBJECT: SSOD: SOVIET VIEWS ON MACHINERY

1. ISSRAELYN MET WITH AMBASSADORS LEONARD, FISHER AND
WEILER EVENING OF JUNE 16 TO DISCUSS MACHINERY. HE SAID
SOVIETS ARE FLEXIBLE ON MACHINERY QUESTIONS AND ARE PRE-
PARED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION VIEWS OF OTHERS.

2. REGARDING COCHAIRMAN INSTITUTION, ISSRAELYN SAID IF
US WERE PREPARED TO GIVE IT UP SOVIETS WERE ALSO. HE SAID
IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY MONTHLY ROTATION OF CCD MEMBERS.
FISHER SAID SOVIETS WERE AWARE THAT US WAS RELAXED ABOUT
CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AS LONG AS ITS REPLACEMENT WAS PART OF AN
ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT ON MACHINERY.

3. ISSRAELYN SAID SOVIETS WERE READY FOR SOME ENLARGE-
MENT, BY FOUR OR SIX, OF CCD MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID,
HOWEVER, BALANCE OF MEMBERSHIP MUST BE RETAINED. WHILE
HE DID NOT SUGGEST SPECIFIC ADDITIONS, HE SAID SOVIETS
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WERE READY TO CONSIDER NAMES WITH US.

4. ON RELATIONSHIP OF CCD TO THE UN, ISSRAELYN INDI-
CATED THAT ON MARGINAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS REPORTING
TO GA SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO MEET NON-ALIGNED VIEWS
BUT SOVIETS WERE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY ARRANGEMENT
THAT MADE CCD A CREATION OF THE UN. HE SAID IF SUCH A

BODY WERE CREATED BY THE SSOD SOVIETS WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN IT. SOME NON-ALIGNED ARGUMENTS, TO THE EFFECT, THAT CONCERNS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP BALANCE AND CONSENSUS PROCEDURE COULD BE MET BY SPECIFYING THESE MATTERS AT THE TIME A UN BODY WAS SET UP WERE NOT VALID. ANY EXCEPTIONS TO UN PROCEDURES AND TO GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP THAT MIGHT BE AGREED ON TODAY COULD BE CHANGED IN TWO OR THREE YEARS ONCE THE FORUM WAS MADE A UN BODY. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CHARACTERIZED NEW UK PAPER FOR PARA 8 OF MACHINERY DOCUMENT AS "ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE." US PARTICIPANTS INDICATED THAT WE HAD HAD LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE OF UK PAPER AND HAD NOT DECLARED SUPPORT FOR IT. ISSRAELYAN SAID IT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO DESTROY THE CCD AND THAT SSOD HAD NO RIGHT TO DISSOLVE IT.

5. LEONARD AND FISHER INDICATED THAT US SHARED CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOUT A UN BODY. LEONARD SAID THAT THE "BIRTH CERTIFICATE" QUESTION WOULD BE THE CRITICAL PROBLEM WE WOULD HAVE TO RESOLVE. HE SAID WE HAD TO DO THIS IN A WAY THAT AVOIDED HAVING THE NEGOTIATING FORUM SET UP EXCLUSIVELY BY SSOD ACTION AND YET MET FRENCH SENSITIVITIES. ISSRAELYAN AGREED THAT THE FRENCH WERE THE KEY AND SAID NON-ALIGNED WOULD ACCEPT ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FRENCH. HE SAID THAT A RESULT OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD JUST HAD WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FRENCH, HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THEY WERE FLEXIBLE AND LOOKING FOR A SOLUTION.

6. WHEN US PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED THAT SSOD ENDORSEMENT OF A DECISION REACHED BY AN AGREED SET OF COUNTRIES TO CONSTITUTE THEMSELVES AS THE NEGOTIATING FORUM MIGHT BE AN ACCEPTABLE "BIRTH CERTIFICATE," ISSRAELYAN AGREED TO THINK ABOUT IT. IT WAS AGREED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD TRY THEIR HANDS AT FORMULATIONS AND BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. LEONARD

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